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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4926
INFO CINCSO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11655: N/A
TAGS: MILI, OCLR, ES
SUBJECT: OAS OBSERVER TEAM AND HELICOPTERS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 3211

1. GOES HAS RAISED OBJECTIONS TO INSPECTION BY CINCSO
TEAM OF BORDER AREA USING US HELICOPTERS ASSIGNED
TO OAS OBSERVER TEAM. THIS WAS PLANNED FROM TEGUCIGALPA
ON 20 JULY AFTER TEAM HAD COMPLETED ITS VISIT TO
SAN SALVADOR TODAY (19 JULY). APPARENTLY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
OF GOES THROUGH OAS CHANNELS WAS ON TRACK WHEN GOVERNMENT OF
HONDURAS THREW INTO EL SALVADOR'S LAP MATTER OF FLIGHT OVER
DISPUTED BORDER AREAS BY SAYING ALL RIGHT WITH GOH IF ALL
RIGHT WITH GOES. GOES AND REPORTEDLY GOH NOW INSISTING ON
REQUEST FOR OVER-FLIGHT CLEARANCE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS, I.E. FROM US EMBASSIES.

2. EMBASSY HAD HEARD OVER LAST WEEKEND FROM RELIABLE
SOURCE THAT GOES WAS CONCERNED OVER NEARNESS
THIS INSPECTION TO FRASER HEARINGS AND SOMEHOW ASSOCIATED
THE TWO. THIS CONCERN WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED,
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HOWEVER.

3. WE BELIEVE SOUTHCOM ON-SPOT CHECK OF UTILIZATION OF
HELICOPTERS LEGITIMATE AND UNDERSTAND THAT INSPECTORS
CONCERNED ONLY WITH OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND WOULD NOT
TOUCH ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS MEDIATION AGREEMENT.

4. ON LATTER POINT WE HAVE JUST HEARD FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT THAT SALVADORAN RATIFICATION, AND ASSEMBLY ACTION ON ADVICE AND CONSENT, MAY BE HELD UP TO ALLOW TIME FOR EL SALVADOR TO REFINE AND STRENGTHEN ITS DOCUMENTATION OF BORDER CLAIMS, WHICH GOES KNOWS TO BE WEAK. THIS COULD BE IN PART SOURCE OF CURRENT SENSITIVITY. (WE WILL CHECK ON THIS REPORT.)

5. WE BELIEVE CHANNEL FOR CLEARANCE OF OVERFLIGHT SHOULD BE THROUGH OAS TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN REQUESTING OR ACQUIRING SUCH CLEARANCES. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER ONLY THE OAS CAN EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE CLEARANCE IN THIS OPERATION INVOLVING BOTH HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR. IF OAS CANNOT ARRANGE FOR CLEARANCES THE OVER- LIGHT INSPECTION WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED. IF DODCONSIDERS THIS PART OF MISSION OPERATIONALLY NECESSARY I SUGGEST DEPARTMENT TAKE THIS MATTER UP URGENTLY WITH OAS WASHINGTON TO DETERMINE BEST COURSE OF ACTION, POSSIBLY THROUGH SALVADORAN AND HONDURAS MISSIONS TO OAS.

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